war disabled and attributable peace- I time casualties. A stipend of Rs. ' 400/- per month is paid to each eligible ward. Financial assistance for construction of houses and marriage of daughters is given to war widows, war disabled and attributable peace-time casulaties by State Governments and the Kendriya Sainik Board.

Ex-servicemen and their widows, who are in penury, are given financial assistance by the Kendriya Sainik Board, the Defence Minister's Appellate Committee and the Rajya Sainik Boards through their welfare funds. Grants are also given for special medical treatment. The Kendirya Sainik Board also gives grants to paraplegic homes, Cheshire Homes and other charitable institutions to cater for ex-penditure incurred on ex-servicemen inmates.

E. T. V. programmes on Doordarshan

1374. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan telecasts some programmes on Channel-I from 9. 00 a. m. onwards under the caption "E. T. V. in Telugu and E. T. V. in Hindi, ETV in Marathi and E. T. V. in Gujarathi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and to which listeners are they meant;

(c) whether the said programmes could be viewed from Delhi Centre; and

(d) if not, from which T. V. Centres they could be viewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND (BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) The Educa-tional TV (ETV) programmes are in the nature of non-formal education aimed at primary school children and also for the guidance/training of primary school tea-chers. The duration of the programme, in each language, is 45 minutes. The programmes are telecast via ARABSAT/ STATIONAR in Telugu and Maratbi from Hyderabad Kendra in Andhra Pradesh and Bombay Kendra in Maharashtra respectively.

The programmes in Oriya for Orissa, Gujarati for Gujarat and Hindi (meant for the three district clusters of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar) are relayed by all TV Relay transmitters in the respective States and Hindi speaking States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryara, Himachal Pradesh, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, via INSAT-ID. These programmes are telecast between 0900 Hours and 1245 Hours every day, on time sharing mode from all High Power/Low Power transmitters in the respective State and are not viewed in Delhi.

Non payment of salaries to employees of National Council for safety in mines, Dhanbad

1375. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESH-WARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact thatemployees of the National Councilfor Safety in Mines, Dhanbad (Bihar) have not got their salaries for the past four months;

(b) whether the Labour Ministry is responsible for providing remuneration to the staff of National Council for Safety in Mines Dhanbad;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as against its annual expenditure of about Rs. 25 lakhs, the National Council for Safety in Mines is getting a paltry sum of Rs. 5 lakhs only from Government;

(d) if so, what steps Government are taking to ensure regular payment of salaries to the staff of National Council for Safety in Mines and also to pay them their unpaid salaries;

(e) whether an expert committee set up in 1985 by the Central Government I recommended strengthening of the Na-j tional Council for Safety in Mine's net-I work through expansion; and